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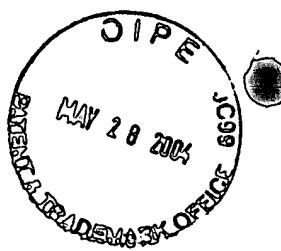
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Case No. 9281/3900
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
SATO et al.

Serial No.: 09/802,314

Filed: March 8, 2001

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004, in the above-referenced application, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the remarks presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.